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Government Underpays.

The government service is not so attractive as formerly. The army needs men. West Point has more than a score of vacancies, the jobs at Washington are not very eagerly sought any more by those who are familiar with them. In fact, the time is at hand, when the government must seek men instead of being so particular as it once was. One may ask why this is. It is because of the inadequacy of the pay. As one writer says it is caused by small pay and slow promotions.

Though there are position seekers as usual, yet there are fewer, and the cold facts no longer bear out the once-prevalent idea that a government job was a snap. Perhaps, the work may be easy, but the attention required is constant and steady, and the pay not sufficient to justify the time and effort, nor to cover actual living expenses, and oftentimes it is from hand to mouth all the time with the army of government clerks.

To some extent Congress in recent years has come to the relief of the clerks, but, there is more to do in this respect, else the government will not have the best and most competent men, for the reason that they can get better pay and lighter hours in private enterprises.

Army pay is particularly too inadequate and it is little wonder there is a scarcity of recruits, nor can some who have served the period of their enlistment be blamed for not continuing in the army. Patriotism is commendable but not unusually so flexible as to assume the nature of starvation in time of plenty.

Our soldiers should be well paid, and those who do the department work should not be forced to a niggardly existence.

We Have The Dollar Now.

"We have the dollar now." That sounds good and it is true. It also means much. The Saturday Evening Post dwells on this caption in the following fashion:

In the monetary crisis of 1893 gold flowed rapidly out of the country. Europe drew a hundred millions from us in that year.

If you are hungry and somebody takes away what food you have, recuperation, obviously, will be slow. Within a few days following the monetary crisis of 1907 we drew twenty-five million of gold from Europe, and sharp advances in European discount rates did not at once check the movement. Our need of gold, was in fact, much more urgent fifteen years ago; but we

couldn't get the metal. We simply did not have the financial power to command it.

We have that power now, and the fact gives, in a nut shell, the difference between the two periods.

In 1893 we could give no conclusive assurance that we would pay in gold. Our legal dollar was "coin," which might mean a hundred cents worth of gold or sixty cents worth of silver. Europe was disinclined to take the chances. The law of 1900 making gold the standard, removes that handicap.

But there is not much use having a gold dollar on the statute-book unless you have it in your pocket, too. One of the forerunners of the real panic was a pretty universal condition in insolvency among those concerns that made a special business of lending money on Western farm lands.

In 1892, 1893 and 1894 the West was broke. Production of wheat and corn those three years was under six billion bushels against ten billions in 1904, 1905 and 1906; wheat averaged 55 cents against 78. Cotton production was twenty-three million bales against thirty-five millions the last three years; the price 8 cents against 11. Total bank deposits in 1893 were 4½ billions against 12½ billion now. In 1904 the treasury's stock of gold was 64 millions against 280 millions in October, 1907; total gold in the country 598 millions against 1432 millions. Everybody now knows what Uncle Sam's dollar is, and that he has got the dollar.

Pullman Porters.

A leading Southern paper calls Pullman car porters whiskbroom bandits, but the inference is the intention is not to insult the dignity of the porters, but rather to protest against the custom.

Possibly the employees of the Pullman porters are responsible, says the exchange, for this nuisance. Upon leaving a sleeping car every self-respecting person repairs as soon as possible to the home or the hotel tubs. A careful brushing of the clothes in the hotel or home, where one has right to disturb dust and germs if he may shake such evils off anywhere, is incidental to the general cleaning necessary to the maintenance of comfort and self-respect. The Pullman porter who glosses over his highwaymanry by hitting the outer apparel a lick and a promise does not in any way serve the victim. Upon the other hand, he frequently disturbs him when he is reading or catching forty winks sleep. Magnates who manufacture cars and own vast estates ultimately get the graft extorted by the porter who kicks up the dust and flushes the flock of winged germs. Their dividends are quite large enough to admit of their paying sufficient salaries to all their employees.

Early Shopping.

The following by the Wheeling Register is well said:

The agitation for early holiday shopping has been renewed. It should be encouraged by everybody, as it means mutual benefits to all. The salespeople, men and women, are especially concerned, in as much as past experience has caused them to view the approach of Christmas with genuine alarm. The rush during the last few days, gives them no rest except on Sundays, and often brings about illness resulting from overwork, while in almost every case the men and women attending to the wants of holiday shoppers are deprived of real enjoyment of Christmas because of fatigue, exhaustion or actual illness.

But aside from this humane consideration, there are other good reasons why holiday shopping should be done early. The stocks of merchandise are more complete now than they will be a week or two hence, and the salespeople have more time at their disposal to aid customers in making their selections. Every argument favors the early buyer.

Santa Claus Letters.

A popular and exclusive feature the last few years by the Telegram has been its Santa Claus department at this time of the year. Hundreds of boys and girls have participated in it and been rewarded for their trouble in making their desires and wants known. The older folks also have manifested a keen interest in it and found much pleasure and pride in the child-like letters. The services of the Telegram are offered again this year and this paper feels confident this feature will be a more decided success than ever. Every little boy and girl may take part in it. Send your letters in at once or as early as you can do so.

Oliver Shurtleff has returned to his home at Fairmont.

SAMPLES FINED

For Whipping Little Martin Girl at School He is Teaching.

Prof. J. W. Samples, a well-known school teacher, was before Justice Martin at Lumberport Friday evening, charged with inflicting corporal punishment upon the nine-year-old daughter of Russell Martin at school about eight days ago to such an extent as to leave marks from the switch on her back. The justice imposed a small fine and the costs.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Elks' memorial services at the Grand opera house will be held at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, the lodge will meet promptly at the lodge room at 2 o'clock and march to the opera house.

ARE AT MORGANTOWN

Several members of the Order of the Golden Seal went to Morgantown on the noon train to take part in the initiation of 125 candidates for membership in the order.

SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

(Continued from page 2)

nuts and a toothbrush to clean my teeth.

Your little girl,
STELLA DUNCAN.

My Dear Santa Claus:

I want a knife and give me a watch and I want a shooting gallery and I want a shooting gallery, suit, and I want a train and a track what you can wind it up, and a key and I want a little football, Dear Santa Claus.

BERNARD LEO HESS.

655 Mulberry street.

Dear Santa:

Please send me an air rifle and some shot and a teddy bear and a pop gun and a play horse and a doll and some candy, nuts, bananas, oranges, lemons and a toy wagon and buggy and horn and trains and engine. And bring Alice a beu for she lost her feller. And papa some tobacco and mama some chewing gum.

Yours truly,
HOMER FULLER.

Dear Santa:

Please send me a doll and a little carriage and a teddy bear and a chew of tobacco for the old man won't let me, but I like my wad to chew on Christmas vacation and look on the side of the dresser and get the soap to wash the black off when you come down the chimney.

Yours truly,
DALE FULLER.

426 St. Clair street.

TELLS US HOW TO MAKE MIXTURE

Splendid Remedy for Stomach and Kidneys and Rheumatism

"The people here do not drink enough water to keep healthy," exclaimed a well-known authority. "The numerous cases of stomach trouble, kidney and bladder diseases and rheumatism are mainly due to the fact that the drinking of water, nature's greatest medicine, has been neglected."

Stop loading your system with patent medicines and cure-alls; but get on the water wagon. If you are really sick, why, of course, take the proper medicines—plain common vegetable treatment which will not shatter the nerves or ruin the stomach.

When requested for such a prescription for the cure of rheumatism and kidney trouble the answer was: "You must make the kidneys do their work; they are the filters of the blood. They must be made to strain out of the blood the waste matter and acids that cause rheumatism, the urine must be neutralized so it will no longer be a source of irritation to the bladder, and, most of all, you must keep these acids from forming in the stomach. This is the cause of stomach trouble and poor indigestion. For these conditions I would suggest the following prescription: Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking well in bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime, but don't forget the water. Drink plenty of water."

This valuable information and simple prescription should be posted up in each household and used at the first sign of an attack of rheumatism, backache or urinary trouble, no matter how slight.

George W. F. Randolph, of Salem, was a business visitor here last night a few hours.

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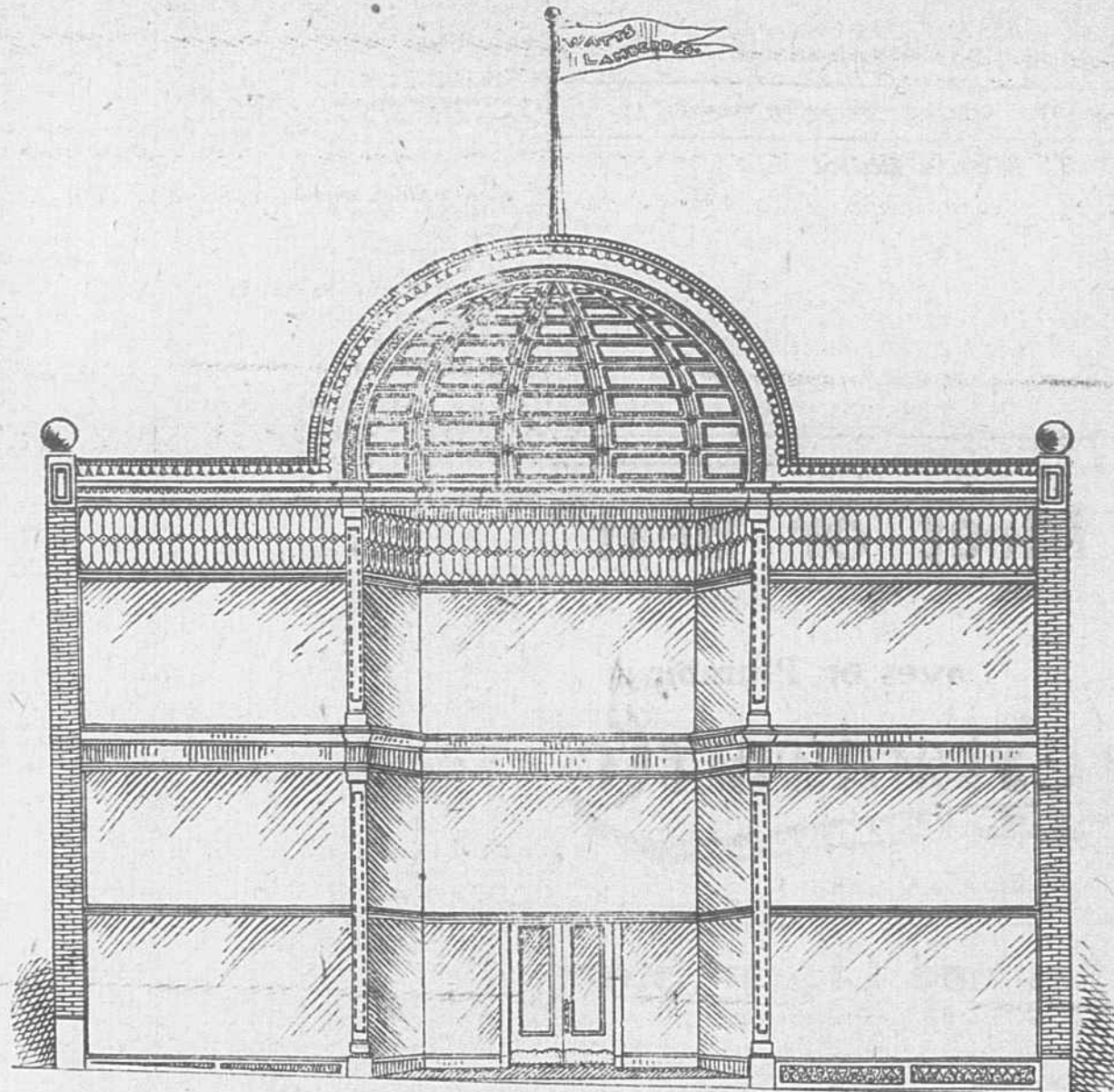
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